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22 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS  
REMEMBER WHAT YOU RESOLVED LAST YEAR.

## Medical Inspection in Schools

THE Elementary Teachers' Association has indorsed unanimously a reform that recent surveys of the schools in some Virginia counties have shown to be urgently needed—enforced and universal medical inspection. The view expressed in the association's declaration of principles is shared by the leading authorities of the State.

In comparatively few of the county schools is any medical inspection whatever provided. Thousands of children are suffering from tubercular affections, adenoids, bad teeth, defective sight and hearing and other afflictions that retard their physical and mental development. It is a situation the Commonwealth should not tolerate. The self-respect of the counties themselves and their regard for their future citizenship should make prompt action imperative.

## The Inefficiency of War

IT is not alone that war is wasteful in that it destroys men and wealth to no purpose, but in the main purpose of war—that of destroying the enemy's military strength—war is so colossal a blundering and inept that it is abysmally beside the mark to think of any army as efficient. This is strikingly proven by the estimate, published in a London newspaper, that the weight of bullets required to kill a man in this war is approximately 168 pounds. That is to say, it takes more than the weight of the average man to kill one man.

A sane business could not be conducted on such a basis. But war is not sane. It wastes the products of capital and labor in order to destroy other products of capital and labor—and of the travail of women. Men are withdrawn from the fields of useful production to spend their time in fashioning implements so inefficient, despite their alleged perfection, that only a tiny fraction of them achieve their purpose, which is to keep men, already withdrawn from productive industry, permanently unable to increase the world's wealth—by killing them.

## Corner Receptacles for Waste Paper

ONE obligation the city should meet, when it begins next week its promised crusade against those who litter the streets with waste paper and other rubbish, is to furnish corner receptacles for the waste paper, at least.

"There is as much human nature in one man as there is in another, if not more," said David Harum, and that is still true. We are all poor creatures, and to make us obey the law requires a strong moral sanction, felt by the individual, general agreement that the ordinance is proper and commendable, accompanied by reasonable facilities for its observance, or a battalion of police.

Public sentiment has not reached the stage where it regards the throwing of a discarded newspaper on the street as an act essentially immoral, whatever the law says, nor does the city want to double its police force. Most of us agree that the streets should be kept clear, and are willing to do what we conveniently can, even without a policeman at our elbow, to achieve that ideal.

We all want to help. Give us, good city fathers, a place to throw the paper or box we weary of carrying, and that you forbid us to throw into the roadway!

## The Frank Case

IT is unfortunately the truth that if Leo Frank is hanged without a review by a competent court of the evidence on which he was convicted, a large number of impartial persons, not only in Atlanta and Georgia, but throughout the United States, will be left with the uneasy impression that an innocent man was put to death.

It cannot be denied that public excitement ran high during the man's trial; about the courthouse was gathered a mob clamoring for a conviction. So menacing was this mob that the accused, for his own protection, was not brought into the courtroom when the verdict was rendered and sentence passed, and the militia were kept in readiness for a call to suppress a riot.

The evidence upon which Frank was convicted came from a source that would ordinarily require complete corroboration from more respectable mouths to assure a calm

thinking public that a review of its validity is not required. That review has not been granted either by the State or the Federal Supreme Court, for reasons that are evidently sound, so far as technical legal procedure is concerned. But the interest of the public lies in the calm administration of even-handed justice, not in the rigid observance of court rules. If Frank is hanged, as it now appears probable that he will be, dispassionate observers will not and cannot be even reasonably certain that he has not been the victim of a miscarriage of justice.

All this cannot be construed as a reflection on either the honesty or intelligence of the jury which convicted Frank. It is a matter of universal experience that excitement and prejudice are at least momentarily infectious. The courts recognize this characteristic human trait. Only the other day, in granting to Colonel Roosevelt a change of venue for the trial of the Barnes libel suit, the prevailing opinion of the highest court in the State of New York contained these reasonable and curiously apposite sentences:

Jurors are but individuals, and are subject to impressions and influences of which often they themselves are unconscious. The fairness of the trial should be above suspicion.

Now that Justice Holmes has expressed his doubt about the fairness of Frank's trial and his allowance of due process of law, the Supreme Court may feel inclined to act.

## Street Railway Franchise Limitations

RESOLUTIONS adopted at meetings of citizens' associations of the East End on Friday evening make it evident that in that section of the city there is practically unanimous sentiment against the grant of the new blanket thirty-year franchise to the street railway company on the terms the company suggests. That sentiment, not carried, however, to the lengths of the East End resolutions, finds general acceptance throughout the whole community.

Richmond has made up its mind that it will not consent to increased fares, abridged transfer privileges or substantially decreased service. It has very strong doubt that the three viaducts, Forest Hill Park and the perpetual franchises the company proposes to surrender are worth the \$1,000,000 valuation the company places on them, or anything closely approximating that valuation. It believes that the viaducts and the park will be almost or quite as useful to the company under municipal ownership as they are now, the essential difference being that the city will have to repair and replace the viaducts and beautify and maintain the park.

There, The Times-Dispatch believes, it is wise, for a time, to call a halt. The company should not be required to maintain duplicate service on parallel streets, separated by a single block, in the residence sections, except under some very special and extraordinary conditions. The duration of the franchise certainly should not be limited to ten years, as that would make the financing of the enterprise practically impossible, would prevent needed improvements and discourage extensions. So to handicap a corporation on which the prosperity and growth of the city depend so largely would be a capital error of judgment. The needs of posterity can be provided for by establishing in the franchise grant a minimum of service and a maximum of fare, and referring future adjustments to the State Corporation Commission.

As to payment for the franchise, that is a different matter altogether. Richmond is asked to give rights of way over its principal streets, and for this tremendously valuable privilege it should receive adequate compensation, either in the form of a tax on gross receipts, the fairest method, perhaps, of making franchise payments correspond to franchise values, or through some other acceptable and equitable device. To the solution of this phase of a very complicated problem, the experience of other cities will offer the best and safest guide.

## Highbrow or Lowbrow, Which?

SOME Chicago genius, who tolls for a daily periodical in that city, has taken the pains to analyze the characteristics and affections that differentiate the highbrow from the lowbrow. He has gone further, for he has added two classifications that are not yet accepted in common usage, but which represent, nevertheless, a real contribution to exact speech and thought. He divides the genus homo as follows:

Highbrow: Browning, anthropology, economics, Bacon, the uplift, Gibbon, Baudelaire, "other," pate de foie gras, Lowbrow: Municipal government, Klippel, socialism, Shakespeare, politics, Thackeray, taxation, golf, grand opera, "other," stocks and bonds, gin rummy.

High-lowbrow: Musical comedy, Richard Harding Davis, eucire, baseball, Anthony Hope, moving pictures, whiskey, "Robert W. Chambers, purple socks."

Lowbrow: Ham sandwich, haven't come, pitch, melodrama, hair oil, the Duchess, beer, George M. Cohan, chewing gum in public.

Not all will be willing to accept these definitions as final. Some of us, indeed, who would like to think ourselves entitled to the low-highbrow rating, will discover in the third and fourth classifications more than one of our own favorite vices—musical comedy and baseball, for example, or even ham sandwiches and beer.

But let that pass. Perhaps the Windy City genius is as nearly correct as the difficulties of general statement permit, and, at any rate, he has supplied us with an intellectual yardstick, with the aid of which we may approximate our intellectual standing. That is a real help, and in some remote cases it may prove to be a real comfort.

A German professor of Celtic languages has quit the Fatherland because nobody seems interested in linguistic studies. Naturally. They are all trying to learn the way to Paris and Warsaw.

A New Jersey man has eaten 5,000 pies in four months. Unhappily he neglected to pay for them, and is now behind the bars. Thus native genius falls off its just reward!

And now the Thanksgiving turkey will once again prove, gastronomically speaking, that pussy is not alone in having a plurality of lives.

But two links of sausage that Wm. Q. Hohenzollern would give him at least a bushel of Iron Crosses if Bismarck would only come back.

No wonder the armies are deadlocked. Our self-appointed strategists are giving all their time to remaking the map of Europe.

Wonder if the proposed agricultural census would include city hayseeds.

But T. R. cannot get a change of venue from the voters.

## SONGS AND SAWS

John and Sue.  
Young Johnny Jones, his Sister Sue,  
Of whom an ancient song was sung,  
Had nothing on the matter of the song.  
You know! Thanksgiving feasts among.  
Of course, no peach of emerald hue  
To gastronomic feasts entice.  
But sticky pudding, mince pie, too,  
Alas, though all know what the price is,  
And that is why the doctors race  
From modest home to stately mansion  
And do their best in every case  
For tumblers suffer from expansion.  
And that's why walls reverberate  
Through circumspect atmosphere—  
It's John and Sue brought to date  
By dalliance with Thanksgiving fare.



The Penitent Says:  
If Opportunity had enjoyed the advantage of a modern course in business efficiency, it wouldn't leave a man's door after knocking a single time. It would leave one of these intermittent alarm clocks.

Reverse English.  
Grubbs—What made you cut out political meetings?  
Stubbs—They shake my faith in human nature. After I had heard my favorite candidate in the street tell how he hated himself, I went out and voted for the other fellow.

The Reason.  
"Say, pop!"  
"In listening."  
"Why was George Washington first in the hearts of his countrymen?"  
"Probably because he merely fought a lot of battles, instead of talking all the time about battles, like the folks were fighting, and of which he knew nothing."

Making It Worse.  
When William worshiped Genevieve,  
A diamond ring he bought her,  
Although his conscience told him that  
He really hadn't oughter.  
Now William's out with Genevieve;  
He suffers deeper anguish,  
Because his conscience at the time  
Continues still to languish.

THE TATTLER.

## Chats With Virginia Editors

The Fredericksburg Journal worries: "If we are to be troubled with blind tigers, blind pigs or speakies, why not try the Essex County plan of six months on the roads? A little more ginger in the sentences would break up drunkennes and the blind pigs as well." We don't know conditions in the Fredericksburg neighborhood, but communities troubled with illicit liquor selling usually have blind police, blind constables or magistrates whose voices are so impaired that they are unable to pronounce sentence.

Prosperity note from the Buena Vista Herald: "Right in our midst we see evidences of good times. The furnace that has been shut down for so long is being put into shape as rapidly as possible, and will probably be in operation very soon." Which indicates that Buena Vista is again ready to fill the world's orders for everything in the iron line, from crosses to crowns. Kaiser Wilhelm, please write.

Confession of the editor of the Farmville Herald: "Editor Hart some years ago planted a lemon tree, which he has nurtured with tender care, and now is rewarded by gathering fruit such as we never saw in any market, not only fine in form, but rich in flavor." This explains the source of supply. Some Virginia editors who have taken issue with Editor Hart in an evil hour are probably prepared to testify that he is not only a grower, but a thrower, of lemons.

Editor Cutting, of the News-Reporter, Gloucester, indulges in a review, fashioning from the fragments of boyhood memories a chain, this being the starting link: "These cold, frosty nights and sharp, clear days at this time of the year take us back to the good old days on the farm and hog-killing time." It is worthy of note that these are merely flights of fancy that Editor Cutting takes back to the farm. If his office force cared to talk, we doubt not that information would be forthcoming to the effect that the editor arrives at the same old hour on press day, and copy is just as late as ever.

On the eve of the great event, contemplating with a cold, fishy eye, a perspective animated by a brilliant scene of life, light and color—a vision well calculated to inspire enthusiasm—the Houston Record-Advertiser, who has no soul for sport, indited this killjoy comment: "Just as the Record-Advertiser is in the process of coming from the press to-day, twenty-two maniacs in disguise have been turned loose in a park in Richmond to fight over an inflated pigskin of the value of about \$5. And here, hoping the Virginia lunatics may smash the Carolina squad of madmen!" Well, anyhow, they did it, Bill; they did it!

Says Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "General von Hindenburg, who commands the German armies operating in Russian Poland, may now be assured that his fame is secure, no matter what the outcome of the pending campaign. A cigar has been named for him." Judging from the Doc Cook antics of the general, as he moves from Pole to Pole, reflected in reports of his successful advances which are rapidly pursued by contradictory reports, Hindenburg is some smoker himself.

## Current Editorial Comment

Chase of the Income Tax Dodgers  
The income tax-dodger is really an unknown quantity, now, and we can all wish the government property—and especially of enough income—to be taxed is not one that anybody else cares to help support. Perhaps the discovery of the delinquents and the imposition of the penalties provided by law will cause a lessening in their numbers, but we are not sure.

As long as there are taxes, there will be tax-dodgers—Indianapolis News.  
The "School of Mothercraft" is an institution at work in New York to teach mothers, girls who may some day become mothers and young women who wish to be mothers' helpers how to care for children. The old-fashioned idea that instinct needed no instruction has become an exploded theory. The old-fashioned preacher did not feel, although he often showed, the need of special education. There was a time, and it was not long ago, when a dentist had no more training for his work than an umbrella mender. Cooks who have been plying their art for half a lifetime, but who cannot read, are contemptuous of recipes and of knowledge gained from books, but they are less capable than the young women of average intelligence who have taken a course in domestic science, and who do not read agricultural bulletins, farm

papers and books upon tillage and stock breeding earn less upon large farms than scientific agriculturists get from small ones. Special training in every field brings sure results. Why not mothercraft for those who, as parents or employees, have charge of children? Among the outborn fallacies of the South was that the best plan to follow in rearing children was to consign them to the motherly care of an illiterate negro mammy who had "raised eleven." Many and brilliant were the achievements of the good old mammy, who combined ignorance with instinct and gave faithfulness and sleepless vigilance where science was needed. But now, when it is well known that the percentage of failures was higher than sentiment likes to admit, and that the nurse who has had one year's training at a hospital knows more than the mother of "eleven survivors of a brood of seventeen."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Every time an international Limitations issue arises which relates to the rights of European and South American countries, the Monroe Doctrine comes to the front in the popular mind as an essential factor in its settlement. The representations which Great Britain and France have just made to our State Department with regard to the alleged violation of their neutrality by Colombia and Ecuador have back of them the suggestion that, even in a case of this sort, we have peculiar claims, which it is at least politic to recognize, that we stand in some sort, in the position of an elder brother to the smaller and weaker American governments, and that we might resent their using the birch on wayward members of our family without their first asking us to make them behave themselves. In point of fact, the Monroe Doctrine, as understood and construed in the beginning, and as understood and construed by leading authorities now, has nothing to do with cases like that of Colombia and Ecuador. European powers have a right to insist that they shall either maintain an attitude of impartial neutrality, or come out openly for one side or the other, and they have a right to enforce their decision. If they should decide to take part with Germany, it would be none of our business; and if the allies should undertake to punish them for it, there is nothing in the Monroe Doctrine which would logically compel us to interfere.—Baltimore Sun.

Gossip from "Down Home"  
"Those fellows who were telling us what a good team Carolina was carrying to Richmond this time simply did not know what they were talking about," mournfully muses the Durham Herald. If the thing had not become rather monotonous, it might be worth while to recall the old saying: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!"

The Raleigh News and Observer speaks scornfully of a New York man who says citizens should pay their taxes as cheerfully as they make Christmas gifts. "The New Yorker, to get right down to the facts, could have gone further and fared better in the selection of a comparison." All of which will make some folks think that a branch of the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving has been established in Raleigh.

Pessimism seems to have invaded the editorial sanctum of the Wilmington Star, which, on the very morning after Thanksgiving, delivered itself of the following: "Bad people tell lies, good people tell them over, and all people pretend to hate a liar." Perhaps the Star was thinking of the persons who had spread abroad the story of the alleged invincibility of the Tarheel football team.

As an American citizen, located in Austria for the past three years and six months in the interest of the American machine tool trade, I beg to say that this article caused some action on the writer's part to get to the bottom of these facts. I concluded that the best way to obtain the facts would be to take the matter up with the authority referred to in this article, and enclosed herewith an appeal to hand your true copy and translation of the reply received to my letter, addressed to the Austrian authority accused in Mr. Chalmers' article of such unbecoming crudality.

The reply is exactly as expected, and the writer felt quite certain that the statement appearing in the article of your paper was extremely exaggerated, and I believe that by publishing in your paper part of this communication, together with the official statement from the Austrian authority, the public at home will be more enlightened with regards to the manner in which our foreign friends, especially American citizens, are treated by the Austrian authorities.

Personally I may add that the many Americans whom I have met in this country share the same view as I do on this particular incident, and of the many Americans that are still in Austria, I dare say that none of them will have anything but praise to express over the manner in which the authorities fulfill their duties towards foreigners, especially the Americans.

R. A. RUNG.  
Vienna, Austria, October 20.

Meaning of a Phrase  
[Correspondence of Associated Press.]  
LONDON, November 20.—"Detailed to His Majesty's ship President" is an order frequently seen nowadays, in connection with the names of high officials of the British navy. The President is about the least impressive and least terrifying in the King's navy. To the uninitiated such an order would seem to be a reduction for an officer so assigned. Quite the reverse is true. The officials so detailed have been called to assist the admiralty in important duties at headquarters.

The President is a sailing vessel of scarcely more than a thousand tons, and is described in the navy list as a "stationary ship, an ex-sloop." It is moored in the Thames close by the Embankment, and a stone's throw above Blackfriars Bridge. Its only active service is to house squads of amateur naval cadets from Saturday to Monday. But its real importance in the navy is shown by its list of officers, which is far and away the most distinguished in the service.

This is explained by the fact that every one in the service of the admiralty must be attached to a ship, and as some of the most important duties in the highest ranks are not connected with any particular ship, the President is used as a sort of legal fiction. In the official navy list, the personnel of the biggest super-Dreadnought occupies about half a page. The list of officers of the little President requires six pages.

The latest notable addition to the staff of the President is Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Scott, whose fast work in the navy is fairly well summed up in one word—gunnery. He originated a number of target practice systems and invented various mechanical appliances for use in connection with them. He followed this with the invention of his "fire director," a secret and exceedingly valuable system of fire control which was adopted by the British navy a few years ago.

Sir Percy has devoted most of the past ten years to work on this appliance, which he is still engaged in perfecting. His work as the navy's chief inspector of target practice is testified to by the fact that during the time he held that office the average percentage of hits increased from 81.1 to 81.27.

Saves China Millions  
[Correspondence of Associated Press.]  
PEKING, September 25 (delayed mail via Siberia).—The American government, through Minister Paul F. Reinsch, has announced that it has agreed to one or two other countries, has saved China approximately \$5,000,000 through its example in eliminating all "indirect" claims which certain nations, particularly France, Russia and Japan, have presented in consequence of the recent Chinese revolutions. China will now persist in her refusal to pay such claims.

When the anti-Manchu revolt began, one of the Chinese foreign ministers, anxious to forestall and prevent annoyance from the legation, assured the ministers that full compensation would be paid for all damages suffered by foreigners. When the reckoning came, and the claims were presented, it was found that indirect losses were included in almost every account.

The indirect losses were often such charges as depression in the value of bonds, and loans made by the foreign banks to private Chinese who decamped and others who failed in business. Some settlements even included estimated profits on goods which would have been sold to Chinese buyers had the revolution not taken place.

Some of the legations presented the claims as they received them, arguing that it was not their business to purge them. Others eliminated all that seemed unfair. The British legation presented one of the smallest claims. The American claims were also small, even less than the British, but American trade with China is not comparatively large.

The American minister realized that the position which he took would strengthen the hands of the Chinese, and intimated this point to them. He also informed the other ministers, at a diplomatic meeting, what he intended doing. Thereupon other ministers of legation took the same attitude. Mr. Reinsch informed the Chinese that America would not press indirect claims, but that if the Chinese paid the indirect claims of any other nation, the United States would reserve the right to insist on the payment of indirect claims.

Payment of direct claims have been made. The others are no longer being pressed, though they amount in single instances to several million dollars.

PERCHED  
One of the Day's Best Cartoons.

VICTORY  
GERMAN STANDARD  
RUSSIAN STANDARD

—From The Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

DENIES STORY OF OUTRAGES  
To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—The writer begs to refer to an article appearing in your valued paper, dated Saturday, August 22, where, on page 6, under the heading "THRILLING EXPERIENCES ON TRIP FROM CARLSBAD"

Chicago Man and Party Arrive in London After Traveling Continuously for Sixteen Days  
ARRESTED SCORES OF TIMES  
Treated With Utmost Consideration by Military, But Like Dogs by Civil Authorities of Both Austria and Germany

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Two of a Kind.  
Peckham—My wife talks, talks, talks all the time.  
Underthum—You're mistaken. She must listen part of the time or my wife wouldn't be with her so much.—Boston Transcript.

A Timely Smile.  
Hinks—Timmins seems like a very unassuming little fellow.  
Jinks—Yes, Timmins is the sort of chap who goes trenches for other men to fight in.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Good That He Returned.  
"Boy, watch my horse till I come back!" called a man to a boy lounging around the stable, as he hastened to bid farewell to a departing friend.  
"Sure!" said the boy, taking the reins.  
Just then the locomotive whistled, and the horse, starting suddenly, started at full speed up the road.

The boy stared after the fleeing animal, and, as the owner appeared, exclaimed with relief: "It's a good thing you came, sir, for I couldn't have watched him much longer!"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Forewarned.  
"Oh, George, George!" exclaimed a fond mother when she saw her small boy considerably battered up and dirty. "You have been fighting again. How often have I told you that you shouldn't fight!"  
"Well," said he, "what are you going to do when a fellow comes over him?"  
"Why, keep out of his way," said the mother. "I'll bet," said the youngster, "he'll keep out of mine after this."—Houston Chronicle.

Only a Question of Time.  
When James A. Garfield was president of Oberlin College a man brought for entrance as a student his son, for whom he wished a shorter course than the regular one.

"The boy can never take all that in," said the father. "He wants to get through quicker. Can you arrange it for him?"  
"Oh, yes," said Mr. Garfield. "He can take a short course; it all depends on what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak He takes 100 years; but He only takes two months to make a squash."—Ladies Home Journal.

The Case.  
Beneath my casement window  
Pierrot was singing, singing;  
I heard his lute the whole night thro'  
Until the east was red.  
Alas, alas, Pierrot,  
I had no rose for him,  
His song was turned to joy;  
And he will never know  
(Alas, the one who knew it!)  
The rose was plucked when dusk was dim  
Beside a laughing boy.  
—Sara Tesdale, in Scribner's Magazine.